

Policy: Critical Incident and Crisis Management Pers. responsible: W.Welch, Executive Director Date last revised: January 23 2025

Critical Incident and Crisis Management

In the event of a life-threatening emergency call 9-1-1

In a critical incident or urgent situation:

- Contact Wendy Welch, VISA's Executive Director, who will assess the situation and manage the response.
 - o 250-889-7437
- The building manager, Kent Embree, is available 24 hours/day.
 - o **250-883-6541**
- A security response may involve:
 - Victoria Police Department:
 - Emergency: 9-1-1
 - Non-emergency: 250-995-7654
 - o <u>Themis Security</u>: security for the Maynard Court building.
 - 250-884-1946
- A medical or crisis counselling response may involve contacting an ambulance.
 - Mental health resources are listed at the end of this document.

Related Policies and Procedures:

- Code of Conduct
- Dismissal
- Dispute Resolution
- Harassment
- Human Rights
- Sexual Misconduct

Resources:

Health:

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- Island Health: Vancouver Island's Public Health Authority.
 - o 250-519-3485 (Victoria)
 - o In the event of a medical emergency call 9-1-1
 - o Island Health Mental Health Services
- Medimap: provides information on local walk-in clinics.
 - Vancouver Island Crisis Line: provides phone, text, and online chat services.
 - 1-888-494-3888 (24 hours)
- <u>Here2Talk</u>: all students currently registered in a BC post-secondary institution have access to free, confidential counselling and community referral services, available 24/7 via app, phone and web.
 - o 604-642-5212, or toll-free 1-877-857-3397
- <u>KUU-US Crisis Line</u>: provides a First Nations and Indigenous specific crisis line available 24/7, toll-free from anywhere in BC.

- o **1-800-588-8717**
- <u>First Nations Health Authority</u>: provides culturally safe and trauma-informed cultural, emotional, and mental health services to Indigenous people in BC.

Sexual Assault:

- <u>VictimLinkBC</u>: provides information and referral services to all victims of crime and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence.
 - o **1-800-563-0808**
 - o <u>VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca</u>
- <u>Ending Violence</u>: contact information for Community-Based Victim Services, Stopping the Violence Counselling and Stopping the Violence / Multicultural Outreach Programs in BC.
- Island Health: Sexually Transmitted & Blood Borne Infection Services: Vancouver Island's Public Health Authority.
- <u>Victoria Sexual Assault Centre</u>: provides both crisis support and trauma counselling, as well as group counselling sessions for all women, Trans, Two-Spirit and Gender Non-Conforming people.
 - o General: 250-383-5545
 - o <u>info@vsac.ca</u>
 - Services: 250-383-3232
 - o <u>access@vsac.ca</u>
- <u>Men's Therapy Centre</u>: provides help and support for any man who has experienced emotional, sexual or physical trauma as a child or an adult.
 - o 250-381-6367, or toll-free 1-866-793-6367
 - o info@menstherapycentre.ca
 - o Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310

Security:

- <u>Victoria Police Department</u>: located at 850 Caledonia Ave.
 - o Emergency: 9-1-1
 - Non-emergency: 250-995-7654
- <u>Themis Security</u>: security for the Maynard Court building.
 - o **250-884-1946**
- On-site building security:
 - o Kent Embree: 250-883-6541
- <u>SafeWalk</u>: City of Victoria service wherein a security guard accompanies you to your vehicle.
 - o **250-686-3715**